

# ANN LANDERS



## Keep Listening

Dear Ann Landers: Maybe it's because I have a kind face, but I am getting weary of listening to other people's problems. Here at the office they call me the Poor Man's Ann Landers. Not only is it time consuming, but it's beginning to get me.

Three people took me aside today and poured out their troubles. One story lasted almost an hour. I had heard it twice before and offered advice both times. (It was ignored.)

Every time I go to a party I get stuck with the misty-eyed drunks and the insufferable bores. I am fed up with tales of unrequited love, cheating husbands, spend-like-crazy wives, thankless children, domineering in-laws, and secret fears of impotency, sterility and insanity.

This morning during coffee break I had another one. When I finished listening she said, "Thank you, dear. Now I know what must do. I fell so much better." Well maybe she felt better but I felt worse. What can I do?—TATTERED EARS

Dear Tat: Paste up those tattered ears, honey, and stay with it. The world needs you. There are a great many people who want to talk, but not many who are willing to listen. You perform a useful service when you allow people to unburden themselves. Don't stop.

Dear Ann Landers: Our 19-year-old son was killed in Vietnam seven months ago. He was dating a very nice 16-year-old girl. They were not engaged or anything like that, just going steady. Our boy had given her his class ring and a jacket with his football letter on it.

The girl is now dating again and seems well over her sadness. Do I have the right to ask her to return our son's ring and jacket? — STILL GRIEVING MOM

Dear Mom: I see no reason why you should not ask. The girl may be pleased to give them to you. If, on the other hand, she wishes to keep the mementos, you ought not to press the matter. Your son gave them to her and she is under no obligation to return them.

Dear Ann Landers: We are two teenagers who consider you a friend. Please give us the advice we need.

Last night we attended a sports event in a big outdoor arena. The place was jammed. The man sitting next to me was smoking a big cigar. The man next to my friend was smoking a cigar also. Two women in front of us were smoking cigars. All that smoke made me dizzy and sick. My friend's eyes were running and she got a headache.

Does a teenager have the right to ask an adult to put out a cigar or cigarette? We would have moved but we paid a lot of money for those seats and didn't want to give them up. What do you say?—A AND V

Dear A and V: A more tactful approach would be to ask the offenders if they would mind holding their cigars and cigarettes down lower — or up higher — so the smoke would go in another direction. Asking politely is half the battle.

How far should a teen-age couple go? Can necking be safe? When does it become too hot to handle? Send for Ann Landers booklet, "Necking And Petting — What Are The Limits?" Mail your request to Ann Landers in care of your newspaper enclosing 50 cents in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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MARK BIRTHDAY . . . Mrs. Elizabeth Smith (seated) is greeted by a friend, Sarah Williams, as she eyes a birthday cake marking her 101st birthday. Mrs. Smith, a 20-year resident of Lomita, now makes her home at the Torrance Convalescent Hospital. Mrs. Beryl Rhoades, R.N., pins a corsage on Mrs. Smith, who was born Sept. 23, 1867, in Ossing, N.Y. An 80-year-old son, Albert, lives in Detroit. (Press-Herald Photo)

## South Seniors Are NMSQT Finalists

Principal Dr. John A. Lucas has announced that four South High seniors have been named Semifinalists in the 1968-69 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students are Kenneth C. Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Austin, Sr. of 3322 Primm Way; David H. Brenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grace Brenner of 5106 Paseo de Pablo; Ernest D. Gutter, son of Mrs. Betty Gutter of 4709 Reese Road; and Scott P. Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Horton of 4823 Highgrove Avenue.

National Merit Semifinalists are among the nation's most intellectually able high school seniors and will compete for some 3,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1969.

## Botanic Gardens Set Slideshow

Mark 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4 on your calendar to take an armchair tour through "Gardens of the World." Slides of outstanding gardens will be shown in the Club House at South Coast Botanic Garden, 26701 Rolling Hills Road.

The slides have been selected by a committee of experts in the fields of photography and horticulture. Moderator for the evening will be Alan True, secretary of the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation which sponsors the program.

Semifinalist were the highest scorers in their states on the National Merit Qualifying Test, given last February in 17,500 schools nation-wide. They constitute less than one per cent of the graduating secondary school seniors in the United States.

Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing to be considered for scholarships. High school grades, accomplishments, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, and school citizenship of the Finalists are evaluated along with test scores in selecting Merit Scholarship winners.

Names of the winners in the 1968-69 Merit Program will be announced by early May 1969. Some 18,700 students have received Merit Scholarships in the thirteen annual programs to date with nearly \$60 million in financial assistance to Merit Scholars and their colleges expanded or committed through the Merit Program.

## Airport Traffic Hits 2 Million

Passenger traffic at Los Angeles International Airport in July passed two million in a single month for the first time, according to Francis T. Fox, general manager of the Department of Airports.

In what is traditionally one of the heaviest months for travel, the total of 2,007,492 exceeded July 1967's total of 1,829,738 by 9.7 per cent.



WILLIAM BONHAM Deputy Chairman

## Crusade Appoints New Aide

An operations manager at the Dominguez Plant of Shell Chemical Co., William Henry Bonham, of Huntington Beach, has been named deputy chairman of Commerce and Industry Group I of the 1968 United Crusade.

As deputy chairman, Bonham will be assisting Neill H. Casey, chairman. Sasey, a Palos Verdes resident, is an accounting manager with Mobil Oil Corp. in Torrance.

The two men are responsible for recruiting other local businessmen to set up employ campaigns and collect corporate gifts in area firms employing 50 or more persons.

FUNDS collected in this campaign will be distributed to United Way agencies and American Red Cross chapters by United Crusade.

The 244 United Way agencies and 13 American Red Cross chapters who receive funds from United Crusade served 2,633,507 individuals during 1967. Of these, 153,536 were in the Harbor area.

The Harbor area includes Torrance, Lomita, Wilmington, San Pedro, Palos Verdes, Gardena, Harbor City, Rolling Hills, and Carson.

IN ADDITION to the commerce and industry effort, United Crusade also includes residential, professional, and other fund-raising categories.

Bonham, who received his bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Oklahoma State, has been with Shell for 17 years.

He and his wife Dorothy have five children: Patricia, 16; William Robert, 14; Janet and Jean, 11 and James, 4.

Bonham is a member of Troop 558 Boy Scout Committee, the Methodist Church Board and Finance Committee, and Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity.

## Solons Have Destroyed Initiative, Watson Says

County Assessor Philip E. Watson has charged that the legislature, by deliberately putting its tax package in conflict with Proposition 9, the property tax limit initiative, had "effectively destroyed the initiative process in California and had taken a frightening step toward dictatorship."

In a press conference, Watson said: "This action by the legislature has effectively destroyed the initiative process in California. 'This action by our legislators has put everyone on notice that any time the

people try to act for themselves through the initiative process, their action can be thwarted by the very people we vote into office to represent us.

"IT IS AN arrogant display of raw political power by men who themselves did nothing for tax relief.

"It is a desperation move to seduce the homeowner with a phony tax cut that was gone before it was voted.

"This deliberate action to thwart the will of the people is a frightening step toward dictatorship."

He warned that anyone who voted for the legislature's proposal was voting away a property tax limit for all time. "The fine print in the proposal says that any property tax limit from here on out is unconstitutional," he said.

HE FURTHER blasted the legislature's hastily-drawn, last second "tax relief" package as "no relief at all for the homeowner since in many instances it would not even cover the property tax increase on this year's bills and could be eaten up immediately in increased budgets since the measure did not provide for any spending limits."

He also pointed out that tied to the package was a 15 per cent reduction in the business inventory tax that will give big business several thousand times as great tax reductions as the \$70 top thrown to the homeowner, plus a "joker" that will allow tax rate overrides next year to make up for the household furniture exemption.

HOWEVER, Watson said, the most serious implications of the legislature's actions are in its blatant refusal to give the people of California an honest choice. "When the legislature simply rides roughshod over the will of the people like this, we may as well throw away the pretense that there is any democracy or freedom left," he said grimly.

## Concert Set

Ten-year-old piano prodigy Melody Howe will be featured soloist with the Torrance Symphony Orchestra Thursday at two identical concerts, 9:30 and 11 a.m., in the South High School Gymnasium. The public is invited.

## New Facility Will Serve Area Soon

That building addition which began last week and which you'll be seeing every day in various stages of construction as you pass 2749 190th St. in Redondo Beach is being readied for occupancy by General Telephone Company personnel and equipment.

And if your telephone prefix begins with "370," "371" or "542," then this modern and attractive structure is the place where your telephone calls will be interconnected. The 5,600 square foot addition to General's switching equipment center is part of the utility's El Nido central office.

Fully climate controlled to insure the equipment's precise accuracy, the additional space also provides for telephone equipment and other employ facilities.

General Telephone will "switch on" the extra equipment next May 17. "Construction of this new building addition began to meet

present and future telephone growth requirements in our ever expanding South Bay division," said Harold R. Nelms, local division manager. "At the end of July our total division telephones numbered 135,000, representing an increase of 9,200 in just one year.

"Concurrent with the burgeoning residential and commercial development of this area, telephone needs become greater and General Telephone has conscientiously outlined an extensive program to meet these future requirements," he continued. "The El Nido central office addition is just another example of General Telephone keeping pace with this growing community."

The South Bay division serves the communities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Rolling Hills and portions of Torrance and Lawndale.

## Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page B-3)

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Across</b>                 | 91—Chance                | <b>Down</b>          | 81—Scale note       |
| <b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 29, 1968</b> | 92—Accomplish            | 1—Pencil             | 86—Muscle           |
| 1—Dwarf                       | 93—Scull                 | 2—Drum               | 87—Soleil pea       |
| 6—Arrange                     | 94—Greek letter          | 3—Aloft              | 88—Dejected         |
| 11—Refuse                     | 95—Traveler              | 4—Bill               | 89—Crows            |
| 16—Unspoken                   | 96—Ravine                | 5—Waste allowance    | 92—Raised platform  |
| 21—Freak                      | 100—Attack               | 6— . . . . . Earhart | 94—Throng           |
| 22—Buffoon                    | 101—Perforated           | 7—Annoyance          | 95—Electric unit    |
| 23—Lariat                     | 105—Own                  | 8—Exist              | 96—Patch boat       |
| 24—Judge                      | 106—Wing                 | 9—Fuel               | 99—Gorge            |
| 25—College degree             | 107—Aquila               | 10—Route             | 99—Crows            |
| 26—Happen                     | 108—Hammer head          | 11—Decked            | 100—Sweeds          |
| 27—Plural ending              | 110—Native: Surr.        | 12—Turmeric          | 101—College head    |
| 28—Lava                       | 111—Eastern State: abbr. | 13—Horse's delight   | 102—Let             |
| 29—Gnawed                     | 112—Eject                | 14—Bovine            | 103—German city     |
| 30—Pronoun                    | 114—Light carriage       | 15—Brazilian coffee  | 104—Administered    |
| 31—Southern State             | 115—Entice               | 16—Slave             | 106—Obiteration     |
| 32—Vessel                     | 117—Strong desire        | 17—Dentures          | 108—Inn             |
| 34—Soapstone                  | 121—People               | 18—Roman number      | 109—Successful      |
| 36—Tilt                       | 123—Artist's stand       | 19—Metal bar         | 112—Hence           |
| 38—Pert. to bristle           | 124—Deeds                | 20—Star              | 113—Impliment       |
| 40—Goddess of dawn            | 125—Digits               | 21—Palm lily         | 115—Feted           |
| 41—Silkworm                   | 127—Eternities           | 22—Beverages         | 116—Enclosures      |
| 43—Feline                     | 128—Silvery              | 23—Dance step        | 118—Jumbled type    |
| 45—Sweetheart                 | 129—Sudden stroke        | 24—Mollusk           | 119—Peruvian ruler  |
| 47—Plunder                    | 131—Center               | 25—Denial            | 120—Electric sign   |
| 48—Entrance                   | 133—Denial               | 26—Forewell          | 122—Craggy hill     |
| 49—Ministry                   | 135—Saxhorn              | 27—Audacity          | 123—Bitter vetch    |
| 52—Adam's son                 | 138—Steep                | 28—Degree            | 126—Flashed         |
| 54—Judicious                  | 140—Back of neck         | 29—Factor            | 128—Contract        |
| 56—Proportions                | 142—Notch                | 30—Boat              | 132—False hair      |
| 59—Chafe                      | 143—Undermines           | 31—Sandpiper         | 132—Final           |
| 61—Flat                       | 147—Double curve         | 32—Sunken fence      | 134—Welds           |
| 63—Woolly                     | 148—Wild                 | 33—Man's name        | 135—Dispatch heat   |
| 67—Indicator                  | 150—Opulent              | 34—Prunes            | 136—Custom          |
| 68—Concealed                  | 152—Revel                | 35—Focus             | 137—Academic degree |
| 70—Priddy                     | 154—Man's name           | 36—Roundabout        | 140—Sloth           |
| 72—Rainbow                    | 155—Parent               | 37—Article           | 145—Prulude         |
| 73—Whither                    | 156—Diphthong            | 38—Type of lens      | 146—Bench           |
| 74—Land measure               | 157—Ekimo boat           | 39—Growing out       | 146—Grope           |
| 76—Enslate                    | 158—French article       | 40—Tax               | 148—Covers          |
| 77—Sun god                    | 160—Part of Bible: abbr. | 41—Malayan coin      | 151—German title    |
| 79—Block                      | 161—Electric current     | 42—Ceaspool          | 153—Address         |
| 80—Squint                     | 163—Preposition          | 43—Compass point     | 156—Hummingbird     |
| 81—Moon goddess               | 164—Pointed arch         | 44—Tools             | 158—Generation      |
| 82—Poem                       | 166—Anchor               | 45—Sweet             | 162—Signal          |
| 83—Dismounted                 | 167—Reason               | 46—Lock of hair      | 165—Nook            |
| 85—Orders                     | 168—Preserved            | 47—Positive pole     | 168—Earth goddess   |
| 87—Put on                     | 171—Part. to kidney      | 48—Seed covering     | 170—Concerning      |
| 88—Pursue                     | 172—Ancient chariot      |                      |                     |
| 89—Vestige                    | 173—Lock of hair         |                      |                     |
|                               | 174—Abounds              |                      |                     |



HELP FOR RETARDED . . . Members of Herma Tillim Center display samples of the handiwork they create and donate to the Southwest Association for Retarded Children. The items are sold at Value Village Thrift Shops, with proceeds used to support training programs for the children. Shown here are

(from left) Avis H. Fay, May Sheppard, Evlane Arthur, Margaret Raymond, Ruth Lie Van, Lillian Middleton, Mottie Hann, Martha Hill, Betty Moline, "Misty" Brown (director of the group), Charlotte McDonough, and Nancy Ash.